Rotenburg in Hannover

Nov 20

My dear Walter

Yours of 2d inst. is just at hand, having been a longer time on the way than any yet, except one from Mr Gilman & my wife, which came in today's mail & had a Cambridge postmark of last month!

Answering the business part of your note first, I will say that I agree perfectly with you about the floor. You & will, of course, have the Sanders pay the bill; for the house is Sanders property, & the safety of a floor is something that a landlord should look after. Next, about the Telephone. I think I have about $34.37 in the bank & so venture to draw my check in pay't of the unrighteous bill. There is no sense in their charging for the one time when their wire was wholly silent & useless. So much for that.

Next, as to your Whitsuntide adventure. I am truly glad you got an outing, and were able

make such good time up and down the Alt; but it seems to me that you ran some risk in coming down the rails. You ought not to let the fate of the rest of the Bibliographical Index ever again hang on so slender a thread as that. Your newsy letter quite cheered me up. I was getting rather down in the mouth about a good many things, & needed just such a tonic as your note. By this time, you have received a lot of Copy, & so on from me, & more is coming: that is worst of it. Dr Gray is of course quietly back in the study, & hard at work. You must tell him how disturbed we have been at the advertisement in a Boston paper about Jackson's lost photos. We feared they might have been Mrs which she collected with on the late journey. As they say here "Hoffentlich nicht." Five lots of good messages to Dr & Mrs Gray, Dr Farlow, Pentzallow, Jones and Falconer & all. I have tried to write out a great many notes here which I trust will interest you.

Pres. Eliot's note about the annual report was answered in the next mail by my report sent. Mrs Goodale & the children add all good wishes

Please remember me also to your brother, & to Mrs Walker when you happen in.

Yours ever sincerely
G. L. G.